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Hon. William B. Cassel

Judgeship

2012 - present

Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court, 3rd Judicial District

2004 - 2012

Judge of the Court of Appeals, 3rd Judicial District

1992 - 2004

Judge of the District Court, 8th Judicial District

Experience

1981 - 1992

City Attorney
Johnstown, NE

1981 - 1992

City Attorney
Long Pine, NE

1979 - 1992

City Attorney
Ainsworth, NE

1979 - 1992
Private practice of law
Ainsworth, NE

Education

University of Nebraska College of Law, 1979
Juris Doctorate with distinction
Nebraska Law Review, Associate Editor
Order of the Coif
National Moot Court Team

University of Nebraska, 1977
Bachelor of Science with distinction

Judicial/Law Related Activities

Professional Affiliations

Nebraska State Bar Association
House of Delegates, 1983 - 1992
Real Estate Practice Guidelines Committee, 1987-1997, chair 1988-1990
Special Legal Services/Lawyer Referral Advisory Committee, 1987-1989, chair, 1987-1988
Special Committee on Nebraska Rules of Civil Procedure, 1987-1991
Committee on Membership Services, 1990-1992
Committee on Legislation, 1990-1992
Special Committee on Judicial Redistricting, 1991-1992
Judiciary Committee, 1999-2005
American Bar Association
Northern Eighth Judicial District Bar Association
President, 1984-1985
Madison County Bar Association

Nebraska District Court Judges Association, 1992-2004
Child Support Guidelines Committee, 1993
Judicial Statistics and Redistricting Committee, 1994
Uniform Rules Committee, 1994
Education Committee, 1995-2004

Nebraska Supreme Court Committees

Committee on Technology, 1999-present, chair, 2004-present)
SCCALES Automation Committee, 2010-present, chair, 2012-present
Language Access Committee, chair, 2012-present
JUSTICE District Court Automation Committee, 2012
JUSTICE County Court Automation Committee, 2012
Automation Advisory Committee, 1995-2012
Judicial Ethics Committee, 2002-2004, 2007-2012, vice chair, 2012
Child Support Task Force, 1999
Committee on Pro Se Litigation, 2001-2004

Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court, master of the bench, Learned Hand Team, 2005-2011, 2015-present

Nebraska Registered Abstracter, inactive status since 1992

Nebraska Association of Bank Attorneys, former member

Nebraska Council of School Attorneys, former member

Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys, former member

Association of Trial Lawyers of America, former member

Honors and Awards

Warren K. Urbom Mentor Award, Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court, 2012

2011 Nebraska Supreme Court Distinguished Judge for Improvement of the Judiciary, co-recipient

American Bar Foundation Fellow, elected 2005

2002 Nebraska Supreme Court Distinguished Judge for Service to the Community, co-recipient

2002 Nebraska State Bar Foundation award for service on host committee for 2001 National High School Mock Trial Competition

Nebraska State Bar Foundation Fellow, elected 1994

Community Service

Ainsworth Airport Authority, 1980-1992

Nebraska High School Mock Trial Project Regional Coordinator, 1992-2003

Assistant coach for national competition, 1998, 2003

Presiding judge for local, regional, state, and national competitions, frequently, 1992-present

Guest lecturer, high school government classes

Church choir member for more than 34 years

Guest speaker, Memorial Day ceremony

Teaching and Publishing

Guest lecturer, frequently, UNL College of Law, on trial and appellate advocacy

Guest lecturer, annually 2007-2010, University of Nebraska Medical Center, on "Nebraska Court System"

Lecturer, annually, NSBA Leadership Academy, "Technology in Nebraska Courts,"

Lecturer, frequently, New Judge Orientation for Nebraska Trial Court Judges, on "Appeals"

Lecturer, 2008, New Judge Orientation for Nebraska Trial Court Judges, on "Judicial Demeanor"

Author and lecturer, Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys, 2007 Fall Seminar, on "Tips From the Bench"

Co-author, "Preservation of Error for Appellate Review," Nebraska Law Review Bulletin, published January 6, 2010

Author and lecturer, "Nebraska Child Support Guidelines," 1999 Young Lawyers Practice

Seminar (later used in materials for 1999 NCLE Family Law Seminar)
Author and lecturer, "Rights of Possession," 1991 NCLE Real Estate Law Seminar
